By the Kynge and Quene.

Proclamation for currency of Testons & other coins according to ther just valuations

Here it is of late brought to the knowledge of the kynge and Queenes Maiesties, that many wycked and vngodly persons, some of purpose to stirre vnquietnes and seditions amonges their Maiestyes good & faythfull subiectes, and others because they maye thereby make theyr owne gaynes & vtter the coyne & other thynges at the greter pryces, haue cõtrary to their bounden dewtyes spred and caused to be spred rumours, of the decreynge or fall of the coygne or mõnyes commenlye called testons of which rumour thus maliciously and vnmercyfully begon & spred abrode much contention hath growen amongest their Maiesties good subiects, the pryces of grayne and other thinges be vncharitably enhaunsed and many other great inconueniences haue arisen, and greter be like to aryse yf spedy remedy be not prouided herein. Lyke as their Maiesties be hartely sory that any man to whome god hath geuen aboundaunce of thynges, should in this vnmercyfull sorte in thys tyme of darthe wherewith it hath pleased almighty God, presently to plage the world, for the synnes & wickednes therof seke vpon thys pretence theyr owne gaynes with so great an iniury and oppression of ther poore nedy neighbours. So doth their Maiesties by this their proclamation straitelye charge and commaund al their subiects of what sorte or degre soeuer they be, that they and euerye of them in all their traffiques, byinges and sellynges do quietly and obediently receyue vtter and paye aswel the said coyne or monye called testons as all other coygnes or monyes, of what sorte soeuer the same be, accordyng to there iust valuations heretofore by theyr maiesties authoritie proclaymed & published, vpon payne of their maiesties vtter indignatyon and most sharpe punyshment by imprysonment and fyne at their maiesties plesure. And their Maiesties further straytghtly charge and commaund vppon like paynes al Maiors, Baylyes, Sheryfes Justyces of peace, and all other offycers in all the countyes, Cyties, townes, and other places of this there maiesties Realme, aswell within liberties as without, that they and euery of them take diligent care and forsee within the lymyttes of their charges and offices that this their maiesties plesure be in al things wel obeyed and obserued. And that the markets in all places, may be from tyme to time sufficiently furnished with coyne and other necessary victualls, causyng such as shalbe found disobedient or offenders in any the premysses to be further with commytted to warde, and further punished accordynge to theyr maiesties lawes, and theffect of this their proclamation, not fayling as ther maiesties doth specyally truste them, and as they wyll aunswere for the contrary at their vttermost peryls.

From Saynte James the .xxii. of December. 1556.

God saue the kyng and the Quene.

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